

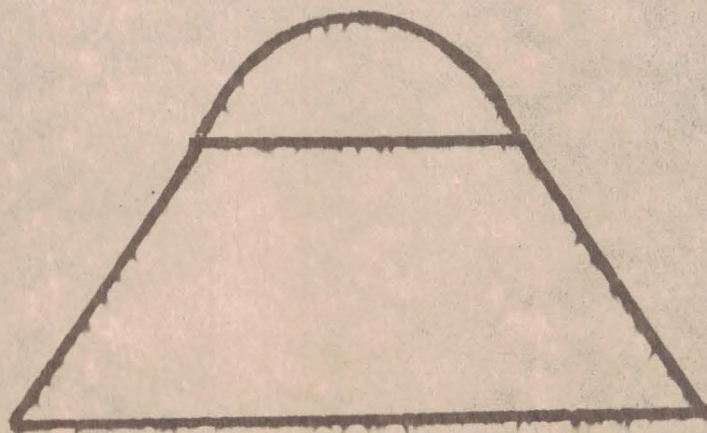
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June 1976 is symbolic of our first of three summer news bulletins, written and distributed free for our members and fellow researchers. Obviously GSW doesn't have a regular (monthly) bulletin and due to the economics and time involved in editing a decent, readable publication, we can not embark on such an undertaking. However, we are supplying MUFON (Mutual UFO Network) with some of our better reports on unknown aerial phenomena and analytical evaluations of UFO pictorial evidence. On many occasions MUFON has published these investigative results in their own monthly publication - Skylook.

In my opinion Skylook, edited by Dwight Connelly, offers the best reading and material of the top three organizational bulletins (APRU, NICAP and MUFON). GSW recommends that all of its membership, individually or jointly, purchase this literature.

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While we are talking about civilian UFO organizations, GSW still has a working relationship with Dr. Hynek, the Director of CUFOUS. Recent editorials in UFO publications and magazines have severely tarnished the Center's image and that of Dr. Hynek. Many ufologists and even the public look to Dr. Hynek as the unofficial spokesman for scientific Ufology.

There have been numerous claims that the Center is accepting all UFO related information and not disseminating any of this data to the serious or interested researcher. We do not wish to start an argument on the method of operations of other UFO organizations at this time.

GSW has sent numerous bits of data to the Center and admittedly like other persons have said, we did not receive any word, not even a thank you. I personally think CUFOUS largest problem is one of communications or shall I say lack of communication. Many ufologists look at the Center as a large corporation, with numerous individuals handling the high volume of UFO data. The truth is, CUFOUS, like every other civilian UFO organization is completely understaffed. This is another reason why scientific ufology is in its present state. However, if individuals and organizations are going to continue to send UFO data to the Center, Dr. Hynek must improve his communications. This could be as simple as a postcard or as technical as a report. Many of our members are beginning to complain that the important feedback is missing. This is a time for unity in ufology and we should not let a simple matter like dissemination of information stand in our way. One last time, if GSW can help CUFOUS, just let us know Dr. Hynek. Information and membership in CUFOUS is available by writing the following:

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After thoughts- Where we went wrong with Travis Walton.

Introduction to a difficult experience

During October of last year I was a participant in a national UFO conference at Fort Smith, Arkansas. The theme of the meeting was United for Objectivity. In all fairness to Bill Pitts, the organizer of this broad undertaking, it was a monumental achievement. Bringing together all the major civilian organization's leaders in one building, at one time,

We left Ft. Smith with mixed, but good feelings. Unfortunately no high level resolutions were established nor were any serious objectives planned for the future. On the plus side I felt the petty ill feelings existing between the organizations was settled and now some constructive team work could be accomplished in the seventies.

Three weeks after the conference a UFO encounter occurred in Arizona, one that literally shook the foundations of ufology. On the night of November 5th, at 6:15 p.m., a well witnessed UFO sighting occurred in Northern Arizona. It was the type of UFO sighting that many people were awaiting, as it involved occupants. Many persons following ufology, ie, the hobbyist, contactees, believers, tabloid readership and some of the serious investigators looked upon this incident with great enthusiasm. After all, the prime witness, Travis Walton, was captured by a UFO beam and spirited away by a UFO crew. For five days Travis Walton, was a household word, he was more "popular" than President Ford.

I for one honestly am skeptical of this type of UFO encounter for the following reasons:

- (a) GSW's goal is to prove existence of the "object" prior to the occupant, although self-admittedly, they sometimes run parallel to one another.
- (b) Most UFO contact/abduction cases have proven only borderline evidence, at best, due to the fact it generally represents psychological evidence rather than physiological. In this controversial subject, which in numerous cases is subjective, incidents like the Travis Walton and the Pascagoula fisherman, only add fuel to the fires of the critic, lying in waiting to verbally chastise the UFO investigator.

Those facts aside, the Travis Walton case did happen right in GSW's "back yard", therefore, with media pressure we investigated the case. I know this portion of the sighting will be a complete redundancy to our readership, but we must set the facts straight in this case.

The Sighting Retold:

During the early evening hours of November 5, 1975, approximately 10.5 miles south of Heber, AZ near Forest Service Road #300, 22 year old Travis Walton and six of his woodcutting fellow workers observed what appeared to them to be a brilliant white solid metallic object-15 feet in diameter and 8 feet thick. This object was hovering twenty feet above the ground and approximately 100 feet away. The group was traveling in a pick-up truck and upon seeing the object the driver stopped and Walton jumped out of the truck and ran towards the UFO. The six witnesses in the vehicle reported seeing Walton struck by a ray of blue light emanating from the underside of the object.

They all stated that Walton was "knocked" back ten feet and that he fell to the ground. Frightened, they drove off less Walton, returning in approximately 15 minutes to find no trace of Travis or the object.

The witnesses called the local law officials who conducted a brief search of the area, later that evening, and found nothing. As the search continued during the next couple days, the question of foul play with Travis' well being was suggested. To clarify matters the six witnesses were given lie detector tests (polygraph) with five of the tests indicating they were telling the truth about what they observed. The six test was inconclusive.

Some of the questions asked included; "Did you kill Travis Walton,.". "Did you see Travis taken aboard a spacecraft?" They all answered "No". (Inconclusive data) Another question asked if they saw what they thought was an extraordinary object in the woods near Heber. They answered "Yes".

On November 10, 5 days after Walton's disappearance, Navajo County Sheriff Marlin F. Gillespie, said Walton purportedly called his brother in Phoenix at about midnight and told him he was somewhere near Heber. Family members including Duane (Walton's brother) drove to the site, returned to Phoenix and then drove to a hospital in Tucson according to Duane Walton's wife Carol. However, a thorough check of Tucson hospitals produced no trace of Walton. The Tucson trip was a ruse given to the media by Duane, so that the media would not bother Travis.

Walton's claim to fame was that he has been taken aboard the spacecraft and held until his release near a Heber phonebooth several days later.

Walton was scheduled to take a lie detector test on November 14, at the Arizona Department of Public Safety headquarters in Phoenix but failed to show up. Sheriff Gillespie issued a statement saying no further attempts will be made by his office or by the DPS to administer a lie detector test to Walton. Gillespie said earlier that he had doubts about Walton's story based upon a personal interview with Walton on November 11.

William Spaulding, Director of Ground Saucer Watch (GSW, Inc.), a national scientific UFO investigation group said he also had information that led him to doubt Walton's story. Spaulding was ordered from the GSW eastern office to terminate the investigation by his group due to Walton's refusal to submit to outside objective scientific testing, void of any civilian UFO organization involvement.

Dr. Lester Steward, a consultant for GSW, Inc. and MUFON interviewed Duane and Travis Walton and said their behaviour made him suspicious of their story. They refused professional testing and evaluations. Based upon a two hour interview with the Walton brothers Dr. Steward was convinced that Travis was probably hallucinating and that no credence should be placed on this incident.

An on site investigation of where the UFO was reportedly seen, was conducted by experienced GSW Field Investigators and high residual magnetism measurements were recorded. No indications of any radiation

phenomena were observed or measured, nor were any ground markings, including heat affected areas.

GSW Evaluation:

After a time consuming investigation, the Travis Walton case is considered a hoax based on the following data:

- 1) Walton never boarded the UFO. This fact is supported by the six witnesses and the polygraph test results.
- 2) The entire Walton family has had a continual UFO history. The Walton boys have reported observing 10 to 15 separate UFO sightings (very high).
- 3) When Duane was questioned about his brother's disappearance, he stated that "Travis will be found, that UFO's are friendly". GSW countered, "How do you know Travis will be found?" Duane said, "I have a feeling, a strong feeling." GSW asked "If the UFO 'captors' are going to return Travis, will you have a camera to record this great occurrence?" Duane, "No, if I have a camera 'they' will not return."
- 4) The Walton's mother showed no outward emotion over the loss of Travis. She said that UFO's will not harm her son, he will be returned and that UFO's have been seen by her family many times.
- 5) The Walton's refused any outside scientific help or anyone who logically doubted the abduction portion of the story (as of 12/2/75). Then APRO became involved in a series of subjective psychological tests.
- 6) The media and GSW was fair to the witnesses. However, when the story started to 'fall apart' the Waltons would only talk to people that did not doubt the abduction portion of the story.
- 7) APRO became involved and criticized both GSW and Dr. Hynek for taking a negative position on the encounter.
- 8) There is some strong evidence that the Waltons 'sold' their story to the National Enquirer and the incident was completely twisted from the truth.

The Outsiders Arrive - mad, bad, and sad:

When the Walton brothers were visiting Dr. Stewards' office on that famous Tuesday morning in November and he related to them of his professional involvement with drug control, their immediate disappearance from GSW's investigation should have been expected. In one of the dozen contradicting statements made by APRO on this incident, Coral Lorenzen infers directly that the Walton's were not in Steward's office for two hours. She sights some poor logic in arriving to her conclusions, however, this is one of many important data points that must be clarified.

Luckily I called Dr. Steward twice, once my secretary placed the call for me, during his two hour meeting with the Waltons. During one of the phone calls I talked to Duane to inform him that his wife had told the media that Travis was not in Tucson and that the persistent media was wise to the ruse.

The next three days were hell for myself and the organization. The only interfacement we had with the prime witness was through his overbearing brother- Duane. Numerous attempts were tried to get Travis to seek total professional help in following order of priority: A) medical attention, if necessary, B) psychological care and testing C) substantiating testing, ie, polygraphic, PSE and regressive hypnosis.

Because this case, on the surface, appears as solid UFO evidence, it was a incident we thought required this best technically trained investigators and doctors.

GSW contacted three of its best psychologists and informed them we might be requiring their assistance, if we could obtain cooperation from the witness. Additionally I personally contacted Dr. Hynek and strongly suggested that he come to Phoenix for an indepth interview with Travis.

Initially, Walton agreed and then he disagreed about talking to Hynek, sighting many reasons, including they had found another doctor to talk to and Dr. Hynek was not needed.

Dr. Hynek called this whole affair "a atmosphere of a circus", I agreed. Hynek said he will temporarily postpone his trip and instead, he will send a CBS reporter(*2), whom I was to meet at the Phoenix airport and attempt to establish an interview with Travis.

During this time Dr. Steward was interfacing with other prominent field investigators on this case and even talked regularly with Dr. Leo Spinkle (APRO consultant) from the University of Wyoming. This 'shoots down' another APRO claim that GSW was keeping this case all to themselves.

Let the record also state that APRO said in writing, "we did not enter the Walton case until you (GSW) had pulled out". I was ordered by our Board of Directors, to get out of this mess immediately, as bad publicity from this case will ruin scientific ufology. On Friday, November 14, 1975 at 5:00 p.m. GSW held a press conference and pulled out of the case, claiming that a sighting possibly occurred and that the Travis Walton abduction portion of the incident was a hoax.

Immediately APRO jumped to the news wires and said they were 'taking over' the investigation. To ufologists and the body politic this looks like APRO was starting where GSW finished by commencing on a series of psychological tests.

The bland truth to this 'politically & monetary motivated' sighting is that APRO had started Tuesday, 72 hours before our press conference, to start calling the witness claiming how they could help the Waltons from all the unfair publicity and lack of professional help.

APRO like most civilian UFO organizations lacks the huge sums of money it takes to properly investigate the numerous UFO cases we all become involved with each year.

The tabloids have done a lot for the believers of flying saucers, but have accomplished very little for scientific ufology. Their sensationalism has done more damage than good. But we are not talking about the value of tabloids, however we are talking about their monies. On numerous occasions these gossip papers have bought many news stories. In the case of Travis Walton the country's leading (salary wise) tabloid monies were used to investigate this sighting. Who paid for the lodging of Travis after his ordeal? Who paid for the psychological testing and the various doctors involved?

The ill feelings among the organizations and certain individuals were beginning to fester. The Waltons accused me as being a publicity seeker. Not only do I deny this accusation but counter with this; if I truly wanted glory it would not be with a spongy abduction case. I give more lectures in years time than the combination of all directors of the civilian UFO groups. My media appearances are also numerous. I can get all the publicity I need in my own way, without endorsing a subjective sighting. This is cheap policy on Duane's part and I deplore his accusations made on behalf of my character, that of the organization, and that of scientific ufology.

Additional emotionalism and charges came from APRO against Dr. Steward and GSW's shabby investigation. All I can say is with the minimal amount of time given to us by the witness I believe we did one of the most thorough physical investigations ever conducted in Arizona. This included:

- 1) Three field investigators spending as many days in the general area.
- 2) Complete scientific equipment checking for magnetism and radiation.
- 3) Ground sample corings taken in the area of the purported sighting.
- 4) Interviews with the witnesses.
- 5) Character witnesses profiling.
- 6) A culling of the prime witness' past record (profile).
- 7) Continuous media interfacement, at their request.
- 8) \$800 spent on the investigation out of our members and organizations bank accounts.
- 9) Interfacement with Duane to have his brother immediately take a blood and urine specimen. We told him of the value in this for analytical purposes.

APRO claims GSW "struck out" with the waltons. Well if we did we had some help from our friends. I can not conduct any psychological testing without help from the prime witness. Looking at this total confused mess in retrospect, I would have done nothing different than was performed originally. Granted we would have liked to have seen all the tests, but the single, largest problem was the fact our consultants never believed the story. The evidence was never there. We "dropped" Travis as much as his brother and 'friends' disgarded us.

Polygraph Testing - Who's kidding who?

When a check on the status of polygraphic testing was conducted the following data points were established:

- 1) Most of the polygraph businesses, in Arizona, are members of the AZ Polygraph Assoc. and/or the American Polygraph Association. This means nothing, as these organizations have no regulatory power over the polygraphic technician.
- 2) No license is required in AZ (or 18 other states)
- 3) Presently the American Polygraph Association is lobbying in front of the AZ Senate with a bill (no. 1326) to license polygraphers.
- 4) The charter rules are idealistic in their goals, whereas they wish to have all personage performing polygraph testing have the minimum of a BA and/or 5 years experience in law enforcement, (Presently there exists a dozen accredited universities in the US that have a sound curriculum on polygraph testing methodology. The average course lasts for 280 hrs.)
- 5) The assumption that anyone can be a polygraph operator in AZ is valid, just hang a sign up and your in business.
- 6) The 'perfect' polygraph operator should also be a psychologist or a doctor in social sciences.
- 7) The equipment should meet the minimum requirements, therefore it should have traces (output) capabilities of three physiological outputs; heart, lungs, and galvanic response. A majority of the equipment does not have the "state of the art" peripherals required to make the test totally objective.
- 8) The minimum amount of time required to do a good polygraph test is sixty minutes, this is often violated.
- 9) Most polygraph organizations are in the business for the money and science plays a low level part in many of the analysis.

This evaluation data is supplied to our readership for information purposes and to clarify the capabilities of lie detection methodology. This by no means infers that all polygraph testing is subjective and inferior. The polygraph technology, performed with proper equipment and a certified operator, with a strong emphasize on his scientific background, can give unquestionable results.

GSW does not want its members to be duped into believing that if a person "passes" a polygraph test that it makes their story 100% reliable. All the factors must be taken into consideration, including; operator qualifications, operator error, subject's profile, equipment parameters and the technique of the test, ie, the type of questions asked and the method that the test questions are presented to the subject.

A scientist arrives - a scientist departs

Dr. Allen Hynek, considered the undeclared spokesman for scientific ufology, came into Phoenix in April to address the Northwestern alumni and to talk to Travis Walton about his alleged abduction. A strange reversal was occurring, why was Travis going to talk to Hynek after the earlier ill-feelings? I can easily understand why Dr. Hynek wanted to talk to Travis. Obviously Dr. Hynek was 'under' media pressure on this incident, and all he had was conflicting reports from APRC, NICAP and MUFON/GSW. The nation's number one UFO expert had to have the complete story. Additionally there is the up-coming August issue of Playboy Magazine which is covering the Walton case, so Dr. Hynek had to get the 'true story'.

Dr. Hynek had called me, two days prior to his visit to Phoenix, and suggested that I should not attend his lecture because he had invited Travis. I agreed for two basic reasons, one I had my own lecture that evening and politically it would not be sound thinking to have the lion (me) and the Christian (Travis) in the same arena. (My brother says I could be the Christian).

Dr. Hynek had his interview with Travis and promptly notified the media, in Phoenix, of the following data points:

- 1) Travis is a quite, sincere and honest appearing young man.
- 2) Travis Walton was not under the influence of drugs, nor was he hallucinating, and he could find no evidence of a hoax.
- 3) There was unfair and undue publicity given to this young man.

Well, Dr. Hynek left Phoenix without one word to me/GSW and left us prey for the media. Examplifying the following: "I thought Hynek was with you guys!" "Does GSW and CUFOS work together?" "Does this mean the Travis incident actually occurred?"

How could I answer these questions? How much of Dr. Hynek's statements were misquotes or journalistic sensationalism? I called Allen three days later upon his arrival in Chicago. I sarcastically thanked him for the interfacement and pressure and asked him point blank about Travis. I did not get a direct answer, but instead I was told that the Travis Walton evaluation was not finished and that further testing is required and that the possibility of a psychological encounter should not be overlooked. If only the media would have looked at the story in this context.

For six long weeks I have kept my mouth shut, biting my tongue every day. I weighed the political ramifications against a disagreement with CUFOS and what will our friends at MURN say. The worst thing that can happen is for friction to exist between organizations. Although I feel our record is practically blemish-free and our technical competence will over-ride any thing as trite as the Travis Walton case.

After all what did we do wrong? There are no rules in the golden book of ufology that says I can not disagree with a fellow researcher, and visa versa. After the air clears and emotions ebb from this incident, no one honestly can be mad at our organization for maintaining that the abduction is a hoax, nor can anyone say the investigation was sloppy or misconducted.

If indeed we want to 'sling dirt', I can provide absolute proof that Pascagaula is a hoax, even with the endorsement of some prominent individuals. That case is only one of many.

Sometimes I get totally upset with the lack of objectivity of my technical peers. It is pure fact that all scientific ufologists will hang together if we do not start to police our standards and goals. We are playing into the hands of the government agencies that do not want the UFO secret given to the public. We are stripping ourselves to the level of cultists in the public eye, the very same people we need if anything good is ever going to come from all our efforts, and I mean every organization is in this together.

We cannot endorse Dr. Henek's viewpoint on the Walton case, nor will he bless ours. My only regret is the apparant change in Dr. Hynek thinking towards the subject, it is very similar to Keel's writings and philosophy.

The aftershock of Hynek's visit is still with us and will probably continue for some time to come.

What should have been done - hindsight

Ideally the Walton incident should have been investigated slightly different. There was nothing wrong with physical investigation, ie, analyzing soil, interviewing witnesses, and other evaluations into the witness(es) and the raw sighting data. This physical testing generally follows a set of ground rules well established in a FIM (Field Investigator Manual). For years we operated this way. NOTE: A comprehensive field manual is also printed by MUFON and it is worth the couple of dollars to purchase.

Now what guidelines exist for psychological tests within Ufology? Absolutely none! The scenario goes generally like this, a civilian organization enters a incident like the Walton case, paraphased in UFO jargon a SE IV (subjective encounter of the fourth kind) and relies heavily upon the expertise of their consultants. In many cases the consulting doctor has only a slight interest in Ufology, its more of a hobby. After all his profession pays 30K plus a year and all he gets from his involvement with UFO cases is his name in the tabloids or a UFO publication. This does little to the professional, after all these publications are not scientific journals.

The doctor of medicine or of the mind, upon interviewing the witness, starts a series of tests. Some of these include mundane pshcological matrix tests to evaluate the psychic of the individual. This gives data of the psychological behavioral traits and the 'balance' profile.

Then regressive hypnosis is given. Hypnosis in the hands of a person, who is void of the critical technique of the method, is similiar to a gun in a child's hand. Some of the methodology utilized in previous abduction cases is not 100% reliable and the same is true with the Walton case.

The next step is polygraphic testing. If the witness passes a lie detector evaluation then he must be telling the truth.

The combination of this testing sounds good, but in too many previous cases it is not carried to a meaningful objective conclusion. There is nothing wrong with the testing, however, the techniques are open for criticism. Well then what should be done? The next time an abduction incident is reported, I suggest the following:

- 1) Gather all physical data at the alleged site.
- 2) Conduct as thorough an interview and tape record every conversation with each witness.
- 3) Interface with the media, with the witness(es) permission. The data obtained to date.
- 4) Each group will be required to contact a hypothetical board of scientific ufologists, one person representing each UFO organization. One or two of these members of the board will arrange for psychological and polygraph tests. How is this different? The two ufologists will take the witness(es) to independent polygraph technicians and psychologists who are not connected with any UFO organization. They will per-

form the testing, with monies supplied from all organizations. The two ufologists will aid in the type of questions being asked and guarantee the validity of the techniques and the testing equipment.

(5) No directors or co-directors will be permitted on the board. The board will publish simultaneously the results or interim media releases to all organizations involved.

(6) No tabloid or newspaper will be given an exclusive story, unless the board members representing all the organizations, votes in majority of the same.

Anything short of these suggested guidelines will be ultra-subjective. This way the emotions and confusion existing between organizations will be held to a minimum and no single organization will be accused of attempting to solve the UFO phenomena on its own. Additionally there will be a blending of talent which will help solve some of the problems.

The public and certain media looks upon this Walton incident as a complete joke. No one cares now, its too late. The real battle is between the "experts" in the various organizations. The vain personalities all want to claim, "See I was right, Travis did go to the moon" or "I was right, it did not happen." What is the difference now? We all played our parts perfectly. The majority of the body politic sees scientific ufology as a hobby for the pseudo-cultists. We are loosing support where it counts and please do not quote me on the Gallup poll on the percentage of believers.

In summarizing, ufology is gaining members but losing support. If the organizations of this country can do nothing but support subjective abductions and sensationalized encounters then we are all in big trouble. If positive steps of corrective action are not taken in the near future, ufology will lose the momentum it has earned during the last ten years. We came a long way since the era of "swamp gas" and I for one would hate to see the total future of the phenomena falter.

A past philosopher once said, "Arguing is good for the soul," however our internal bickering only shows the total lack of unity in researching of this vexing phenomena.

*(1) I personally agreed with Duane Walton on the Tucson hospital ruse. The intent was not to lie to our media friends, but to 'buy' some valuable investigation time. if anyone would have told the media that Travis was back from this UFO ordeal, he would have been besieged by every reporter in the state.

*(2) Per Dr. Hynek's request I spent alot of time with Robert wallace, a reporter from CBS in Chicago. he was a witness to our unsuccessful attempts at further testing with Travis.

The following article is taken from a taped interview made by GSW Field Investigator #061 with one of two prime witnesses, Mr. Sonny Schwartz of Ventnor, N.J. The date of the sighting was January 19, 1976 and the date of the recorded interview was March 21, 1976.

At approximately 5:05 AM on January 19, 1976, Mr. Sonny Schwartz, an Atlantic City Press columnist, author, and talk show host was riding in a Ventnor, N.J. police car with Patrolman Frank Ingargiola. The two had been out on an investigation and were on their way back to Mr. Schwartz' apartment. For some reason, instead of driving directly to the apartment, they drove up a ramp to the boardwalk at Ventnor beach. Mr. Schwartz glanced up into the sky over the ocean and noticed an extremely bright white light within the perimeter of the windshield and to the left of a utility pole, and thought it was the brightest light he had ever seen. Mr. Schwartz asked patrolman Ingargiola what he thought it was. At first glance he said he thought it might be a flare from a fishing boat. Flares usually last only a very short time and then go out, but this light did not diminish and seemed to be coming closer. They watched it for ten minutes or so, and then Mr. Schwartz suggested they drive down the boardwalk toward Atlantic City and see if the light still followed them. It did and at this time patrolman Ingargiola expressed alarm.

Ingargiola served in the Navy for many years, principally as a night watch. He had seen many lights in the sky coming from known sources, but he stated he had never seen any thing resembling the intensity of this light.

As they drove toward Atlantic City they came upon an area where a large barge with a high derrick was doing construction work, and Schwartz stated he thought the light might be a marker light on top of the derrick. However, when they passed the barge Schwartz realized the light was not on the barge, since the light continued to follow them. They drove to Albany Avenue then down a ramp that goes down to the beach. Patrolman Ingargiola expressed a bit of terror concerning the sighting, which now appeared to be very close and much larger than a full moon. The weather was cloudy and overcast with the temperature in the low 20's and wind gusts to 50 mph. The object seemed to have a luminous green haze around it with three triangular eruptions in the lower portion. Patrolman Ingargiola drove back up on the boardwalk and radioed headquarters in Ventnor, asking them to contact Atlantic City police for assistance. Within a few moments the Atlantic City police arrived and watched the object. As more cars approached, the object seemed to move further away, and in fact, disappeared. When some of the cars left, the object reappeared. Patrolman Ingargiola then turned the spot light of the police car on the object, turning the light off and on to arouse response from it but received none.

The Atlantic City police notified the Naval Air Experimental Station, which reported that no image could be detected on their radar screens. The Atlantic City police also radioed the Coast Guard, which immediately dispatched a boat from Long Island to the area. A police sergeant appeared with a pair of high powered field glasses. The object, now seeming to have disappeared was clearly visible through the glasses. Patrolman Ingargiola also observed the object through the glasses. Two more police cars arrived and the object disappeared completely. After waiting for about ten minutes, they headed back to Ventnor, and at about 5:20 suddenly saw the object which seemed to be following them, but now much closer than before. When they were about a block away from where they originally sighted the object the light became intensely bright. At the same time Schwartz noticed a "man", "human", or "something" moving along the street side railing of the boardwalk. It was walking with a lurch as opposed to a limp or stagger, never turning around, and thus preventing their getting a look at the front of it. The figure moved in a bent over position as it lurched from side to side, with the right arm almost touching the boardwalk. It appeared to be about 6 feet 6 inches tall with immense broad shoulders and wearing on its head something resembling a ten gallon cowboy hat. Since the wind was gusting to 50 mph, both observers were amazed that the hat did not blow off, and no effort was being made to hold onto the hat. Now the light was very close and they watched it for about a minute. They then looked for the "being" but it had disappeared. There were no exits off the boardwalk close by and, after an extended search, they gave up. The light went out and they decided to return to Ventnor. On the way back they heard many reports on the police radio of the object being sighted in various communities along the coast.

When the report came out about the "lurching man", Schwartz was contacted by an 82 year old man who jogs along the boardwalk every morning about 5 AM and reported that two weeks ago he had called the Ventnor police to report a hulking figure answering the description of what Schwartz had seen. He said he kept his eyes on the figure until the police arrived, at which time the figure disappeared. The old gentleman has not been jogging on the boardwalk since!

The report of the sighting was inadvertently picked up by an early morning disc jockey who relayed it to the press and TV and the two witnesses were harassed by the media for several weeks thereafter.

The Coast Guard issued a statement that what was seen was the reflection on the clouds of the mast lights of fishing boats located a short distance off shore. One woman called Schwartz to report that a relative of hers was one of the crew

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of the Coast Guard boat sent out to investigate, and the crew was instructed not to say any thing about the sighting.

(Ed.note) An article appearing in the March 27, 1976 edition of the Atlantic City Press quotes from a speech given by Robert D. Barry, director of the 20th Century UFO Bureau in Collingswood, N.J., at a weekend UFO conference, that the Coast Guard was staging a coverup regarding the sighting, because it had been learned that the Coast Guard actually had seen the UFO. He stated also that a Coast Guard spokesman told a UFO investigator that Coast Guard personnel were ordered to remain silent regarding the sighting.

BOOK REVIEW

BY: W. Todd Zechel - GSW Field Director -WI.

STALKING THE TROJAN HORSE

John Keel has written a book, "UFOs: operation Trojan Horse," which seems to be gaining popularity among even the most skeptical UFO followers. The book is a hodgepodge witches' brew of metaphysical and psychic phenomena. Mr. Keel presides over this cauldron, stirring in more ingredients and adding more heat. However, like many a watched pot, this one fails to boil.

Mr. Keel does raise some legitimate questions. If nothing else, he has forced hardcore UFO buffs to reexamine their own beliefs. Keel introduces a relatively new theory, (ultraterrestrial), which attempts to explain the origin of UFOs. Mr. Keel, like many of us, had examined the extraterrestrial hypothesis and found it wanting. It seems to me, though, that Mr. Keel has dismissed the extraterrestrial theory with merely a swirl of his magic pen (a practice he seems to habitually follow).

Mr Keel's method of debunking the ET hypothesis is to point out that only a select number of UFO reports seem to indicate extraterrestrial origin. Therefore, he reasons, the ETH is incorrect. He then introduces his ultraterrestrial theory and manages to include a broad spectrum of metaphysical phenomena, a sort of blanket explanation. You name the phenomenon, Mr. Keel will gladly throw it into his ultraterrestrial pot. If you say you saw a leprechaun, or a gnome, or a vision of the Holy Mother, Keel won't question it or try to describe it as an illusion/delusion. No, Mr. Keel will say you saw a transmutation of a supernatural entity. What Mr. Keel has done, in effect, is invent a cure that applies to every known disease. Medical science should be so lucky.

Finding fault with Mr. Keel's book is not a matter of nit-picking. Rather, it is more like wading into a pile of stinking garbage in order to find the item that gives off the most offensive odor. In many respects, he takes a Von Danikenesque approach to the subject by saying, "Could this be?" He leaves the impression that his assorted crazies are all respectable men. One could achieve the same effect by dipping into the files of lunatic asylums and publishing the ravings of madmen, without identifying them as such.

Keel chastises the hard core UFO groups because they haven't satisfactorily explained all the reports which don't fit into the extraterrestrial criterion, (as though they had a responsibility to do so). Mr. Keel will seem to have proved his case to many people, because his theory explains all the off-beat sightings, whereas the extraterrestrial hypothesis fails. It appears to me, however, that Mr. Keel's hypothesis is more convenient than it is accurate. He accepts the veracity of his theory only on the grounds that it is more inclusive, not because it is any more soluble. If you apply Keel's theory to the larger number of his own cases, the results don't make any more sense than the extraterrestrial theory. The "bottom line," as they say, still comes out as zero.

What Mr. Keel has attempted to do is devise a solution that would solve a very complex problem. His intentions were probably honorable. We can give him an "A" for effort. I think the big mistake in all of this is that both theories, extraterrestrial and ultraterrestrial, are being misused. We are taking a hypothesis and using it as a formula to solve every sighting. If the formula doesn't work, we discard the hypothesis. The old "throwing out the baby with the bathwater" routine. (We don't discontinue the use of penicillin because it won't cure baldness.) Why don't we, instead, discard the sighting? Mr. Keel attacks this practice, yet, in the long run he will find that he has to do the same thing with his hypothesis. He will be faced with a choice of discarding the hypothesis or dismissing the sighting. If he is consistent, he will discard the hypothesis and look for another catch-all theory.

My contention is that all sightings cannot be put into one category. One hypothesis cannot explain all the complex aspects of the total phenomena known to mankind. Mr. Keel tries to prove that all phenomena are somehow interrelated, but he fails. This is not to say he hasn't made some valid points. He makes a meritorious attempt to prove the same UFOs are parapsychical, that some supernatural entity has the ability to transmogrify itself. However, even if this contention is correct, it doesn't rule out extraterrestrial origin, nor does it mean that every hallucination, delusion, illusion, or aspiration is a transmogrification of an ultraterrestrial or extraterrestrial entity.

In the final analysis, Keel has attempted to scatter gun approach to a very complex and perplexing problem. His shot missed the mark, but the beast was wounded. Perhaps, if some more accurate marksmen were to take a shot, the beast would fall. Keep in mind, though, that a wounded beast is always the most dangerous.